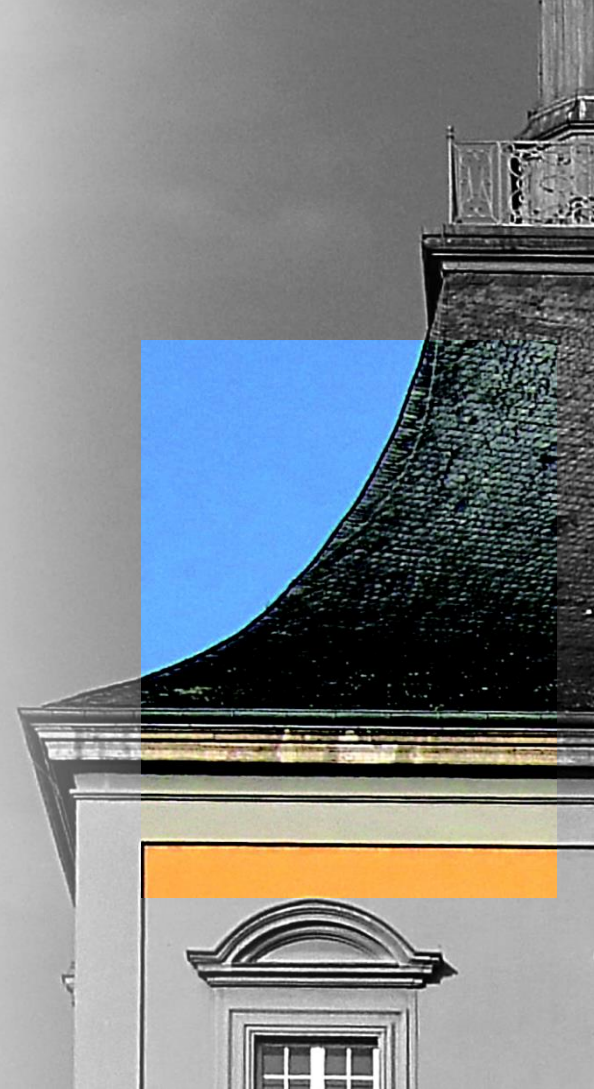


# Moot Courts

## University of Bonn



# Introduction



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## What is a moot court?

*A moot court is an opportunity to develop legal skills as well as to gain deeper knowledge of a specific area of law. Students are expected to argue a hypothetical case, both as claimants and as respondents. The proceedings simulate a case before a real court or arbitral tribunal*

- Hypothetical case
  - One or more legal issues
  - Each team argues on both sides
  - Written and oral submissions
  - Teams from all over the world
  - Judges are (often) experts in the field
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## Reasons to participate in a moot court

- Skills:
    - Legal English
    - Advocacy: written & oral
    - Ability to present a legal argument
  - Opportunity to do something different
  - Teamwork
  - Networking
  - Travel opportunities
  - Knowledge of a new area of law
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## What about the state exam?

- Free Semester (§25 II Nr. 5 JAG NRW)\* **or**
- "Schwerpunkt Seminar" (with an independent paper related to the moot court problem)

*\*Students who already had a free semester (e.g. FFA program) can apply for a second free semester*

## Who should apply?

- Law or Law & Economics Students, 3<sup>rd</sup> semester or higher
- Ready for a challenge
- Team players
- English language skills (written & spoken)
- Willingness to commit the Winter Semester to the competition
  - ca. 30 hours per week
  - Other courses (FFA, etc.) only with prior permission of the coach
- Additional criteria
  - Grades, time spent abroad, public speaking & debate experience, demonstrated interest in the topic, leadership & involvement in extracurricular activities

## How to apply?

Application deadline	25 June 2021
Documents required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Motivation letter</li><li>- CV (English)</li><li>- Transcript (Notenübersicht – BASIS)</li><li>- Other qualifications</li><li>- Certificate - Abitur</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Separate application for each moot court (single PDF):</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vis Moot Court: <a href="mailto:mootcourt@jura.uni-bonn.de">mootcourt@jura.uni-bonn.de</a></li><li>- ICC Moot Court: <a href="mailto:iccmoot@jura.uni-bonn.de">iccmoot@jura.uni-bonn.de</a></li></ul></li></ul>	

## For further information:

- **Bonn Moot Court Website:** <https://www.jura.uni-bonn.de/studium/lehrangebote/moot-courts/>
  - **Official Vis website:** <https://vismoot.org/>
  - **Official ICC website:** <http://iccmoot.com/>
  - [Bonnmootassociation.de](http://Bonnmootassociation.de)
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